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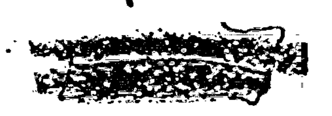
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3. It is believed that no special action is required of AD/SI at this time in regard to the definition or allocation of intelligence responsibilities in regard to the subject matter.

ASD/SI /s/ Sidney N. Graybeal

Ops/SI /s/ T. M. Nordbeck

P&E/SI /s/ T. M. Odarenko

15 June 1954

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